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MASSACHUSETTS  
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**January**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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**February**

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				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
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<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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## March

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				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
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<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> WRHSAC-Mass Casualty Ex., Chicopee.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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**April**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> WRHSAC- Exercise "Volunteer Now" UMASS Amherst & Western MA BOHs.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> CRHSAC TTX in West Boylston	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> WRHSAC- Exercise Topover, Springfield	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Hurricane Vvette – Start Ex.					

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**May**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Hurricane Yvette – MEMT Partic.	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Hurricane Yvette – MEMT Partic.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> CRHSAC – Worcester Rail Exercise	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

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## June

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					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Operation Shrewsbury Express (BDU) FSE
<b>3</b> MBTA Drill, Rockport	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Nashua Valley REPC drill @ Clinton Hospital
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> DPH – EDS Drill Duxbury, MA
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Ludlow LEPC TTX	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> DPH – EDS Drill Boston, MA
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Wing Memorial Hos MDU drill	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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## July

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Ware Drill @ Baystate Marylane Hospital – Emerg Services.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> DPH – EDS Drill Sharon, MA	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> DPH - TTX Hampden County Health Coalition.				

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## August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> MEMA - VY Pre-exercise Drill	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Massport Drill – Boston Harbor Oil Spill – participant, not sponsor	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> CRHSAC FSE Worcester , MA Operation Twin Strike	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> DMAT – Pan Flu TTX Wilmington, MA	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Masspike TTX MTA/MBTA MOU	<b>31</b>	

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## September

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 DPH – COOP TTX Sharon, MA	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Massport – Drill Spec Airport Sec Breach @ Logan	21	22 DPH - CRI / RSS Drill– Boston, MA
23 DPH - CRI / RSS Drill– Boston, MA	24	25	26 -Franlin Co. Pub Health TTX -South Shore Hos ISCU & COOP TTX Weymouth, MA -DMAT Drill Westover ARB	27 MEMA – VY Pre- Exercise Drill Massport – COOP Drill	28 MANG 1 <sup>st</sup> CST – TTX Operation Crackerjack	29 DPH – EDS Drill Hopkinton, MA
30						

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**October**

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	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Massport – TTX Operation Readiness	<b>3</b> New Bedford EMS TTX	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> -Masport COOP TTX -MANG 1 <sup>st</sup> CST FSE Operation Crackerjac -DPH – ISCU Drill Orange, MA -Mirant Canal Facility Resp Plan/Maritime Secrty TTX Sandwich	<b>11</b> USCG Portstep TTX Southeastern New England	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> -DPH - EDS drill Worcester. -DPH – Norwood Hospital Ex. -Pan Flu / ISCU Drill Orange, MA
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> -MEMA – VY Graded Exercise -Massport – TTX Worcester Reg. Airprt FAA/TSA Certificat -North Shore Med Cent FSE Lynn / Salem, MA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Town of Natick TTX	<b>20</b> DPH – South Shore Hos & Fallon Amb ISCU Drill, Weymouth
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Industry Led PREP Ex. USCG-Bos partic. Day 1	<b>25</b> Industry Led PREP Ex. USCG-Bos partic. Day 2	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> -Massport - FSE Operation Readiness -DPH – Flu Cli / EDS Maynard, MA
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Private Sector TTX Boston, MA	<b>31</b> Bristol Co. Em Prep Coal. Hurricane TTX			

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## November

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				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> DPH – EDS Drill Stow
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Private Sector TTX Boston, MA	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Massport FSE COOP	<b>8</b> Northern Berkshire LEPC TTX North Adams, MA	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> WRHSAC Drill Palmer, MA
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> DPH – COOP TTX Winchester, MA	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> DPH – EDS Drill Marlboro
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> DPH – EDS Drill Swansea, MA	<b>27</b> -DPH – EDS Drill Somerset, MA -Hanscom AFB TTX	<b>28</b> -L.E.P.C. TTX Grafton, MA -DPH – EDS Drill Fall River, MA -Hanscom AFB TTX	<b>29</b> DPH – EDS Drill Swansea, MA	<b>30</b>	

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## December

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						<b>1</b> DPH – EDS Drill Burlington, MA DPH – EDS Drill Deerfield, MA DPS – EDS Drill North Attleboro, MA
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> DPH – EDS Drill Framingham, MA	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> MTA Commo Drill	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> BRIC COOP Drill Boston, MA
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Massport – COOP FSE	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> -DPH – EDS Drill Sandwich, MA -Private Sect TTX Boston, MA -MTA Op Hermes Boston, MA	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> SRHSAC Op Destination TTX Dedham, MA	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

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**2008 Exercises**

January 16, 2008  
Upper Merrimack Valley Public Health Coalition  
Flu clinic FSE

March 21, 2008  
USCG  
Hurricane FE

# **MASSACHUSETTS STATEWIDE EXERCISE CALENDAR**

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this calendar is to ensure consistent statewide communication and coordination of all homeland security/emergency preparedness exercises in the Commonwealth. This calendar will enhance the planning of exercises, prevent duplication of efforts, ensure resources are not overextended during training or exercises, and maximize the efficiency of training and exercise appropriations. Moreover, schedule collaboration can present opportunities for jurisdictions and agencies to fulfill multiple grant / program requirements by coordinating exercises. This calendar will be available to all federal, state, and local partners and will be updated on a monthly basis. The Massachusetts Statewide Exercise Calendar can be viewed at the MEMA website: [www.mass.gov/mema](http://www.mass.gov/mema) under the *Training Department* section.

If you have any questions regarding this Calendar please feel free to contact Mike Russas, Exercise Coordinator of MEMA at (508) 820-2018, or via email at [michael.russas@state.ma.us](mailto:michael.russas@state.ma.us).

## **EXERCISE GUIDANCE / RESOURCES**

For assistance in designing, conducting and evaluation of homeland security / emergency preparedness exercises, the Commonwealth is utilizing the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP). HSEEP is a capabilities and performance based exercise program which provides a standardized process, methodology, and terminology for exercise design, development, conduct, evaluation, and improvement planning.

In addition to providing a standardized exercise process, HSEEP also facilitates the creation of self-sustaining, capabilities-based exercise programs by providing tools and resources such as guidance, training, and technology. This blended approach to HSEEP implementation promotes exercise expertise, while advancing a standardized means of assessing and improving preparedness across the Nation.

HSEEP Website: <http://hseep.dhs.gov>

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## **CURRENT PARTICIPATING AGENCIES / DEPARTMENTS**

### **State:**

Executive Office of Public Safety & Security  
Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Department of Public Health  
Massachusetts Port Authority  
Massachusetts Turnpike Authority  
Massachusetts State Police

### **Regions:**

Northeast Region Homeland Security Advisory Council  
Southeast Region Homeland Security Advisory Council  
Central Region Homeland Security Advisory Council  
Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council  
UASI – Metro Boston

### **Federal:**

Federal Emergency Management Agency Region 1  
United States Coast Guard – Sector Boston

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## EXERCISE TYPES

(HSEEP)

### Discussions-based Exercises:

*Seminar.* A seminar is an informal discussion, designed to orient participants to new or updated plans, policies, or procedures (e.g., a seminar to review a new Evacuation Standard Operating Procedure).

*Workshop.* A workshop resembles a seminar, but is employed to build specific products, such as a draft plan or policy (e.g., Training and Exercise Plan Workshop is used to develop a Multi-year Training and Exercise Plan).

*Tabletop Exercise (TTX).* A tabletop exercise involves key personnel discussing simulated scenarios in an informal setting. TTXs can be used to assess plans, policies, and procedures.

*Game.* A game is a simulation of operations that often involves two or more teams, usually in a competitive environment, using rules, data, and procedure designed to depict an actual or assumed real-life situation.

### Operations-based Exercises:

*Drill.* A drill is a coordinated, supervised activity usually employed to test a single, specific operation or function within a single entity (e.g., a fire department conducts a decontamination drill).

*Functional Exercise (FE).* A functional exercise examines and or validates the coordination, command, and control between various multi-agency coordination centers (e.g., emergency operation center, joint field office, etc.). A functional exercise does not involve any “boots on the ground” response (e.g., firefighters decontaminating mock victims).

*Full-scale Exercise (FSE).* A full-scale exercise is a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional, multi-discipline exercise involving functional (e.g., joint field office, emergency operation centers, etc.) and “boots on the ground” response (e.g., firefighters decontaminating mock victims).



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## **ACRONYMS**

AAR.....	After Action Report
BDU.....	Biological Detection Unit
BOH.....	Board of Health
CBRNE.....	Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive
COOP.....	Continuity of Operations Plan
COG.....	Continuity of Government
COMMO.....	Communications
CRHSAC.....	Central Region Homeland Security Advisory Council
DEP.....	MA Department of Environmental Protection
DFS.....	MA Department of Fire Services
DHS.....	U.S. Department of Homeland Security
DMAT.....	Distaster Medical Assistance Team
DPH.....	MA Department of Public Health
EDS.....	Emergency Dispensing Site
EOPSS.....	Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
FE.....	Functional Exercise
FEMA.....	U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency
FSE.....	Full Scale Exercise
HSEEP.....	Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program
ICS.....	Incident Command System
LEPC.....	Local Emergency Planning Committee
Massport.....	Massachusetts Port Authority
MANG.....	Massachusetts National Guard
MBTA.....	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
MDU.....	Mass Decontamination Unit
MEMA.....	Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
MEMT.....	Massachusetts Emergency Management Team
MMRS.....	Metropolitan Medical Response System
MOU.....	Memorandum of Understanding
MSP.....	Massachusetts State Police
MS&G.....	Models, Simulations and Games

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MTA.....Massachusetts Turnpike Authority  
NIMS.....National Incident Management System  
NERHSAC.....Northeast Region Homeland Security Advisory Council  
POC.....Point of Contact  
REPC.....Regional Emergency Planning Committee  
SOP.....Standard Operating Procedure  
SRHSAC.....Southeast Region Homeland Security Advisory Council  
TTX.....TableTop Exercise  
UASI.....Urban Area Security Initiative  
USCG.....United State Coast Guard  
VY.....Vermont Yankee Nuclear Powerplant  
WMD.....Weapons of Mass Destruction  
WRHSAC.....Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council